



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
GOVERNOR DANIEL P. MALLOY

GOV. MALLOY ANNOUNCES \$3.5 MILLION IN FUNDING TO REMEDIATE AND REVITALIZE 59 ACRES OF LAND IN EIGHT MUNICIPALITIES

(HARTFORD, CT) – Governor Daniel P. Malloy today announced that \$3.6 million in state funding is being awarded to eleven projects in eight Connecticut municipalities to assess, remediate and revitalize blighted properties in their communities – also known as “brownfields” – and put them back into productive use. These projects encompass 59 acres of redevelopment.

“The redevelopment of brownfields presents a huge economic potential,” **Governor Malloy said**. “Over the past eight years we have done just that, and today thousands of acres of once contaminated former industrial land and buildings have been repurposed to meet the needs of today’s businesses and communities. Brownfield remediation benefits neighbors, local economies, and the environment, and this round of funding will make our cities and towns better, more vibrant places to live and work.”

Under today’s round of funding announcements, a total of \$2.95 million will be awarded to seven remediation and redevelopment projects. An additional \$625,000 will be awarded for four assessment projects for future revitalization. All funds will be awarded through the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD).

Since Governor Malloy took office in 2011, state investments of approximately \$206 million have supported over 234 brownfield projects across 72 municipalities, remediating 3,062 acres and leveraging approximately \$3.2 billion in non-DECD funds. In addition, these investments are helping create more than 3,000 permanent and 15,000 construction jobs.

“Brownfield investments like the ones we are announcing today are a central part of the state’s larger plan to spur economic growth at the local level, and the positive impacts are wide-ranging,” **DECD Commissioner Catherine Smith said**. “They help create jobs, address contamination issues, reverse blight, support new housing development and promote transit-oriented development – just to name a few.”

“The remediation of brownfield sites are a win not only for the economy, but the environment as well,” **Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Commissioner Rob Klee**

said. “Brownfields are a wise choice for redevelopment, as they already have the infrastructure in place to support new growth, reduce the need to develop valuable open space, with the added benefit of cleaning up the environment.”

Today’s round of brownfield state grants include:

Remediation and redevelopment projects

- **Berlin:** \$325,000 to the Town of Berlin for remediation of the CONRAIL spur and to address groundwater contamination on 873 Farmington from an adjacent site.
- **Bridgeport:** \$725,000 to the City of Bridgeport for the remediation of the “Civic Block” located at 1162-1216 Stratford Avenue, 618-648 Newfield Avenue, and 25-55 Revere Street to prepare the site for redevelopment into a 35,000 sq. ft. of commercial space including a grocery store.
- **Bridgeport:** \$600,000 to Park City Communities for the abatement, demolition, and remediation of Marina Village located at 400 Iranistan Avenue to prepare the site for creation of 150 mixed-income residential units as part of Phase 3 of the Marina Village project.
- **Groton:** \$150,000 to the Town of Groton for abatement work of the former Groton Heights School property located at 244 Monument Street.
- **New Britain:** \$300,000 to the City of New Britain for the environmental assessment, demolition, and remediation of the abandoned coal and oil storage facility located at 24 Dwight Court.
- **Shelton:** \$750,000 to the City of Shelton for the remediation of hazardous building materials at 267 Canal Street, site of the former Star Pin Company.
- **Torrington:** \$100,000 to the City of Torrington for abatement of the former Stone Container Corporation located at 200 Litchfield Street and 105 Summer Street/Turner Avenue, site of a proposed regional transit facility.

Assessment projects to prepare for future revitalization

- **New Britain:** \$100,000 to the Capitol Region Council of Governments for environmental assessment of the former automotive dealership and junkyard use at 1411 East Street.
- **East Hartford:** \$125,000 to the City of East Hartford for the environmental assessment (Phase I, & II) of a former building contractor facility located at 141 Prestige Park Road.
- **New Haven:** \$200,000 to Science Park Development Corporation for the Hazardous Building Material Investigation, environmental assessment, and abatement of the former Winchester Repeating Arms Factory (Tract A & D) located at 275 Winchester Avenue.
- **Torrington:** \$200,000 to the City of Torrington for hazardous building material investigation and environmental assessment of the former Stone Container Corporation located at 200 Litchfield Street and 105 Summer Street/Turner Avenue.

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